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John C. Gebler et al.

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For: AROMATIC PHOSPHONIUM SALTS AND  
THEIR USE AS LABELING REAGENTS  
MASS SPECTROMETRY ANALYSIS

Examiner: X. Xu

### **AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir/Madam:

### **INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This document is submitted in response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed from the United States Patent and Trademark Office on June 9, 2010 in the above-identified application. A Petition for Three-Month Extension of Time, from September 9, 2010 to, and including, December 9, 2010 is submitted herewith.

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